

Supporting postgraduate students in the Social Sciences

School of Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford

The School of Geography and the Environment (SoGE) is a dynamic, diverse, interdisciplinary academic department, home to natural and social scientific interests. The School is internationally recognised for the quality of its teaching, research and wider engagement across the breadth of human and physical geography and environmental studies. It provides world-class, multidisciplinary teaching.

More than 250 graduate students from a range of nationalities make our International Graduate School one of the largest and most diverse in the discipline. There are three research centres within SoGE: The Environmental Change Institute, dedicated to interdisciplinary research on the complex processes of global environmental change and the exploration of sustainable solutions; The Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, which enables business and governments to address the global energy, environment and sustainable development challenges of the 21st century; and The Transport Studies Unit, which seeks to advance innovative approaches to the study of 'transport futures' over time and space.

SoGE has also been an active participant in fostering the Oxford University Networks for the Environment (ONE), which link up over 1000 individuals within the University on the themes of Biodiversity, Climate, Energy, Food and Water.

Degrees

- MSc/MPhil in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management (MSc 1 year/MPhil 2 year)
- MSc/MPhil in Environmental Change and Management (MSc 1 year/MPhil 2 year)
- MSc/MPhil in Nature, Society and Environmental Governance (MSc 1 year/MPhil 2 year)
- MSc/MPhil in Water Science, Policy and Management (MSc 1 year/MPhil 2 year)
- (DPhil) in Geography and the Environment (3-4 year)

Departmental Highlights




- In 2018 SoGE ranked 1st in QS World University Subject Ranking for Geography and 1st in Geography & Environmental Studies in the Guardian University Guide
- SoGE reinforced its position as one of the UK's top departments of Geography and Environmental Studies in the latest results of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) (published 2014).

Student application and admissions

Data year	Degree course	Subject/Dept	Applications	Offers	Admitted
2016-2018	Undergraduates	Geography	897	266	206
2017-2018	MSc & MPhil	Geography and the Environment	741	171	114
2017-2018	DPhil	Geography and the Environment	142	65	36

Investing in tomorrow's leaders

We are looking for supporters who share Oxford University's mission, and wish to play their part in addressing the problems of the 21st century through investing in the next generation of thinkers and doers. Single and multi-year scholarships would profoundly change the opportunities and futures of many talented people. Endowed scholarships will secure that impact in perpetuity.

Degree	2020-2021 per degree cost	Example multi-year scholarship	Endowment per student
MSc	£34,365 (Home) / £40,820 (Overseas)	£122,459 (3 MSc students) 	£1,020,489
MPhil	£70,791 (Home) / £84,088 (Overseas)	£168,177 (2 MPhil students) 	£2,102,206
DPhil	£109,403 (Home) / £129,953 (Overseas)	£259,906 (2 DPhil students) 	£3,248,827

Alumni profiles

Saviour Amanyo, MSc Environmental Change and Management

Saviour Amanyo is a Ghanaian alumnus of the School of Geography and the Environment who completed an MSc in Environmental Change and Management in 2015 with funding from the Norman & Ivy Lloyd Scholarship. Lloyd Scholars take a one-year masters' degree at Oxford in subjects which they can use to enhance the social and economic development of their countries of origin on their return. Saviour's particular focus is the green energy sector. He plans to address the problems of power supply in Ghana, where blackouts of a week's duration are not uncommon and rural areas are not even on the grid. His ambition is to create employment for others by starting his own company.



Max Edkins, MSc Environmental Change and Management



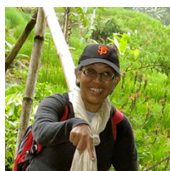
Max completed his MSc in 2007 and is now a Climate Change and Communications Expert at the World Bank Group. He is part of a team designing innovative climate change solutions for the climate challenge and help support the global movement for climate action.

"The course allowed me to better understand and work with a broad range of climate issues, from the science, to the impacts, to adaptation and mitigation options, which I now need for my cross-cutting activities at the World Bank."

Yuyun Ismawati, MSc Environmental Change and Management

When Yuyun Ismawati (2010-11) joined our MSc programme as a mature student she had just been awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize - the world's largest award for grassroots environmentalists. She came to the ECI from an established career as an environmental engineer and campaigner in her home country, Indonesia.

"I decided to do ECM mid-career to refresh the way I see and define environmental problems and how we can contribute to promoting the solution in this dynamic and fragile world. As an environmental engineer, I see the importance of combining technical knowledge with social and policy approach as well as geographic perspectives in my work. It was like an enlightening and inspiring sabbatical year for me."



Student reflections

MSc/MPhil in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management

Tim Kuiper, Principal Investigator, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park Elephant Monitoring and Conservation Project

"If you want to be exposed to the length and breadth of modern biodiversity conservation, this course is for you. It will be a springboard to a million possible future career directions, and help you decide where you want to be heading and equip you with the skills and knowledge to start the journey. Be prepared, the course will stretch you! BCM trained me to think critically, handle pressure and meet deadlines, whether working on my own or as part of a team."

Dexiang Chen, Manager Temasek Investment Management

"My year on this course is perhaps the most intellectually eclectic and stimulating experience to date. From the discussions on how "Big Data" will transform biogeography and landscape scale conservation, to analysing conservation through Panda diplomacy and deconstructing the realities of Bovine Politics, the course has strengthened my natural science knowledge, introduced me to new social science perspectives and enhanced my understanding towards the socio-economic and political challenges in biodiversity conservation."

MSc/MPhil in Water Science, Policy and Management

Wondwosen Seide, Water consultant, Ethiopia

"The course gave me a critical and analytical approach to understand and evaluate the changes that I had been earlier working on as part of the Nile Basin Initiative, I have returned to work as water consultant for projects examining land leasing/ grabbing, watershed management, Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) and Reduction of Forest from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD).

Daniel Shemie, The World Bank (Water Unit), Washington, D.C.

"The course, like the water sector, is truly interdisciplinary. As such, you tackle subject matter unrelated to your academic or professional background. If you embrace this dimension of the course, you not only gain new expertise but the lateral thinking required to make an impact in the sector."

Gemma Boag, Canada

"My WSPM education enabled me to take a holistic approach something that would have been difficult had I not been exposed to such a great breadth of water issues while at Oxford. This programme fills an important niche in today's international policy landscape as more and more governments are looking for interdisciplinary thinkers to tackle increasingly 'wicked' water problems."

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